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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
RWANDA AND COMORES

1. AMBASSADOR YOUNG PAID BRIEF COURTESY CALLS FEB 4 ON PRESIDENT
HABIYARIMANA OF RWANDA, AND FEB 5 ON VICE PRESIDENT HASSAN ALI
OF COMORES.

2. DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT HABIYARIMANA CENTERED ON PROSPECTS
FOR US AID FOR AFRICA, ESPECIALLY RWANDA, AND US POLICY IN SOUTHERN
AFRICAM CONCERNING FORMER, PRESIDENT SAID RWANDA MUCH
APPRECIATED ECONOMIC AID, BUT IN PAST US HAD CONCENTRATED AID
ON CERTAIN COUNTRIES. HE HOPED WE WOULD ABANDON THIS POLICY.
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, HE SAID THAT US MUST BE CAREFUL, AS MUST
AFRICA, TO FIND POLICY WHICH WOULD NOT LEAD TO WAR BETWEEN THE
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GREAT POWERS. US SHOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS FOR PEACE.
AMBASSADOR YOUNG TOLD THE PRESIDENT THAT PRESENT BUDGET CALLS FOR
INCREASED AID TO RWANDA, AND TO CONCENTRATE ON POORER COUNTRIES
IN AFRICA. HE SAID HE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND ASSURED HIM THAT US WOULD CONTINUE
WORK FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR THE AREA.

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3. CONVERSATION WITH COMORES REPRESENTATIVE ALI FOCUSED ON
RECENT TROUBLES INVOLVING COMORAN COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR. ALI
DESCRIBED VIOLENCE IN DETAIL, AS WELL AS SUFFERING OF REFUGEES.
HE NOTED COMORAN GOVERNMENT WAS BEARING SUBSTANTIAL BURDEN
OF COSTS OF REPATRIATION. AMBASSADOR YOUNG TOLD HIM THAT ON
HIS RETURN TO NEW YORK, HE WOULD LOOK INTO WHAT US MIGHT DO
THROUGH UNHCR AND OTHER UN AGENCIES TO ASSIST WITH PROBLEM.
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